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MEDIA RELEASE

Beloit Man Arrested for 4th Offense OWI

For Immediate Release

Date: 09/05/20 Case: SO2035913 **Contact Person**

Captain Mark Thompson

(608) 757-7944

On Saturday, 09/05/20 at approximately 0146 hours, a Deputy from the Rock County Sheriff's Office stopped a green 1996 Dodge Ram on W. B-R Townline near S. Edgewater Drive for a speeding violation.

The driver, identified by WI picture DL as Jonathon W. Blaxill, age 30, of Beloit, appeared lethargic and was slurring his speech. Blaxill admitted to consuming alcohol prior to the stop, was asked to exit the vehicle and subsequently refused field sobriety testing. Blaxill was taken into custody for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated (4th Offense), which is a felony, and transported to the Rock County Jail for further testing.

At the jail, Blaxill refused a legal blood draw and a search warrant was drafted to obtain a sample of his blood. Blaxill was also cited for the speed violation and held pending an initial appearance in Jail Court on Tuesday, 09/08/20.

"Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, <u>Trial Publicity</u>, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty."

TROY J. KNUDSON

SHERIFF

By: Sergeant Josh Lund

1st Shift Patrol Division